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For: **VIRTUAL ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

MS Amendment  
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Sir:

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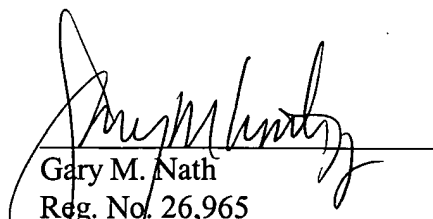
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- (2) Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

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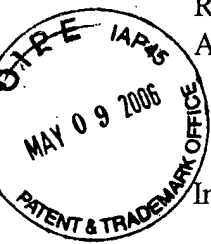
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 23, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire May 23, 2006, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

In view of the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 27 – 54 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 – 26 have been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 27 – 54 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,350,120 to Sachdeva et al. (hereinafter referred to as “the Sachdeva et al. ‘120 patent”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,338,198 to Wu et al. (hereinafter